

< Request #19-5156 >

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The following records about LAPD facial recognition technology from January 1, 2001 through the present:

1. Contracts with providers of facial recognition technology
2. Contracts with trainers for use of facial recognition technology
3. Facial recognition technology manuals used by officers
4. Department policies on facial recognition
5. Invoices for anything to do with facial recognition
6. Course materials for facial recognition technology

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Departments Police Department (LAPD)

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Documents

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Staff

Point of Contact LAPD Analyst Farah N5890

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Requester + Staff

Ah, yeah. I have a question. Are there any records at all that are possessed OR used by LAPD that confirm what you're saying about LACRIS? Or is that just folk knowledge that's not written down anywhere? Like did LAPD just run into LACRIS in the elevator back when people rode elevators and they were all like "come use our facial recognition!" and LAPD was like "yay!" But no one wrote down an agreement? That seems incredibly unlikely. And yet any such agreement would be responsive. If you have further questions about the California Public Records Act you may wish to read it some time.

June 16, 2020, 5:16pm by the requester

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Requester + Staff

Dear Requester,

The Department has received your message. A thorough search was conducted and the Department has no responsive records. The only system utilized by Department employees which incorporates any type of facial recognition technology is the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS). The LACRIS is managed and maintained by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). LAPD employees who utilize the system adhere to policies and procedures administered by LACRIS. If you have further questions about LACRIS, you may wish to visit their website at <https://lacris.org/>.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Respectfully,

LAPD Discovery Section, CPRA Unit

June 16, 2020, 4:09pm by Kris Tu 34895 LAPD CPRA 1421 - Detective III (Staff)

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Requester + Staff

Good morning, LAPD.

Request 19-7474 seems to be about one particular facial recognition system whereas this request is about any such system. It's not related and your reply isn't responsive.

Since the department does in fact use facial recognition tech, there must be some responsive records. Am I asking wrong? It doesn't seem possible that an organization the size of LAPD could deploy such a complex technological tool without generating some records of the sort I requested.

Can you please assist me in overcoming practical obstacles to their production? You are required by law to do this.

June 13, 2020, 9:46am by the requester

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Dear Requester,

We have reviewed your request for "The following records about LAPD facial recognition technology from January 1, 2001 through the present:

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Your request was made under the California Public Records Act (the Act). The Department is cognizant of its responsibilities under the Act. It recognizes the statutory scheme was enacted to maximize citizen access to the workings of government. The Act does not mandate disclosure of all documents within the government's possession. Rather, by specific exemption and reference to other statutes, the Act recognizes that there are boundaries where the public's right to access must be balanced against such weighty considerations as the right of privacy, a right of constitutional dimension under California Constitution, Article 1, Section 1. The law also exempts from disclosure records that are privileged or confidential or otherwise exempt under either express provisions of the Act or pursuant to applicable federal or state law, per California Government Code Sections 6254(b); 6254(c); 6254(f); 6254(k); and 6255.

The Department has conducted a search for records responsive to your request and responds as follows:

1. There are no responsive records for *contracts with providers of facial recognition technology*. Please see Request No. 19-7474.
2. There are no responsive records for *contracts with trainers for use of facial recognition technology*.
3. There are no responsive records for *facial recognition technology manuals used by officers*.
4. There are no responsive records for *Department policies on facial recognition*.
5. There are no responsive records for *invoices for anything to do with facial recognition*.
6. There are no responsive records for *course materials for facial recognition technology*.

Thank you again for your patience. If you have any questions, please respond to this email.

Respectfully,

LAPD Discovery Section, CPRA Unit

June 8, 2020, 11:21am

 Due Date Changed

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06/09/2020 (was 05/12/2020).

May 11, 2020, 2:39pm

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
05/12/2020 (was 04/14/2020).
April 13, 2020, 3:38pm

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
04/14/2020 (was 03/10/2020).
March 9, 2020, 10:14am

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
03/10/2020 (was 02/10/2020).
February 7, 2020, 2:47pm

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
02/10/2020 (was 01/09/2020).
January 9, 2020, 3:45pm

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
01/09/2020 (was 10/07/2019).
December 9, 2019, 10:41am

✉️ **External Message** Requester + Staff
You are very welcome!
October 1, 2019, 11:33am by Senior Management Analyst Kris (Staff)

✉️ **External Message** Requester + Staff
Thank you so much!
October 1, 2019, 11:32am by the requester

✉️ **External Message** Public
It looks like GSD hasn't gone live with NextRequest yet. The info I was given is that their CPRA person is Carrie Lemus, carolyn.lemus@lacity.org 213-928-8396.
October 1, 2019, 11:28am by Senior Management Analyst Kris (Staff)

✉️ **External Message** Public
unfortunately they're not on NextRequest, so if you could get a name that would save some time! thanks again!
September 30, 2019, 9:47pm by the requester 

✉️ **External Message** Public
I believe they're on NextRequest, so probably just go through their public records portal that way. I'll make an inquiry tomorrow to see if I can get any more specific contact info.
September 30, 2019, 8:56pm by Senior Management Analyst Kris (Staff)

✉️ **External Message** Requester + Staff
OK, thanks for the suggestion. Do you know a good contact at General Services Division to ask?
September 30, 2019, 6:06pm by the requester

📅 **Due Date Changed** Public
10/07/2019 (was 09/23/2019).
September 30, 2019, 5:27pm

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Dear Requester:
I have reviewed your California Public Records Act request. Please be advised that, pursuant to California Government Code Section 6253(c), I have found that "unusual circumstances" exist with respect to the request due to the need to search for, collect, and review the requested records from other Department entities which are separate from the office processing the request. Therefore, my staff will require the statutory fourteen days extension of time in which to respond. A determination concerning your request will be made as soon as possible.
If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, simply respond to this email.
Respectfully,
LAPD Discovery Section CPRA Unit

*September 30, 2019, 5:27pm by Senior Management Analyst
Kris (Staff)*

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Dear Requester:
LAPD's Fiscal Operations Division's Appropriations Section has suggested that General Services be contacted to search for invoices/payments that may have been made for this purpose. General Services manages and maintains the old database, and LAPD is not the custodian of these records.
We are continuing to search for the other documents you have requested. Thank you for your patience.

LAPD CPRA

*September 30, 2019, 5:27pm by Senior Management Analyst
Kris (Staff)*

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Dear Requester:
The Department's Police Training and Education Group has conducted a search and indicated they have no responsive records. I am continuing to query other Department entities who may have responsive records.
Thank you!

*September 12, 2019, 2:16pm by Senior Management Analyst
Kris (Staff)*

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